

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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3 An improved pipe belling apparatus and method are
4 shown in which a spiral strip of thermoplastic material
5 is extruded and wrapped spirally about a mandrel and
6 integral gasket. The heated material is allowed to cool
7 and the connection thus formed is stripped from the
8 mandrel. The gasket is retained within a groove which is
9 simultaneously formed of the thermoplastic extrusion.

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